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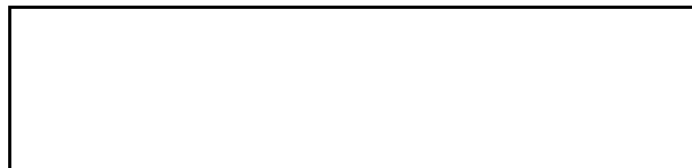
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Request of Department of State for National Intelligence Estimates

1. This memorandum will record the substance of my conversation with you on 26 June with respect to an NIE requested by the Department of State. This request came to me on 25 June from Mr. Allan Evans, Director of OIR, who explained to me orally that considerable pressure for the estimate had developed in high policy-making circles of the Department. The request was as follows:

- "(1) an intelligence estimate of the threat to the security of Japan and of the imminence of the threat;
- "(2) an estimate of the Japanese ground, air, and naval forces required to defend Japan, under the conditions that a) US contributes 'adequate' support, and b) US contributes no support.
- "(3) an estimate of the approximate time required to build up the Japanese forces envisaged respectively in 3 a) and b) above."

2. Following my conversation with you, I notified Mr. Evans of your decision that this estimate could not be undertaken by the CIA.



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